

Women's Day event

Rose Simone speaks out at Doon

By Judith Hemming

“Women's rights will be the first casualty of the class war of the '90s,” a feminist writer told an audience of about 30 people at Conestoga College's Doon campus.

Kitchener-Waterloo Record journalist Rose Simone, who wrote a column in the daily for five years, appeared Friday, March 8.

Her talk *Feminism in the Media and the '90s Backlash*, reflected International Women's Day.

“The corporate and political elite so easily play on anger and animosity, pitting men against women,” said Simone.

She said the mainstream mass media play a role in the dissemination of attitudes that discredit feminists.

Simone's talk was open to the Doon community and began with a brief history of the women's movement.

Few young women know the full story about the struggle for women's rights, said Simone.

She said young women might not be as complacent about the struggle for equality if they knew how long the struggle had been going on.

While a cycle of gains and losses has been characteristic of women's struggle for equality, said Simone, the current attacks are of concern because mass media outlets are owned by huge corporations.

These attacks, she said, are widespread.

Simone said she does not want anti-feminist viewpoints to be censored.

She said a healthy debate about the relationships between men and women needs to have both sides heard. She said what she objects to is the unbalanced attack on feminist views.

“This (treatment) ignores, skews and misrepresents what feminism is about.”

Simone listed eight types of backlash: the exclusion of dissenting voices, the denial and downplaying of concerns, the use of language and terminology to belittle feminist concerns, the tendency to stereotype feminists as strident or radical, the bringing back of claims of natural male superiority, the attitude that women don't really want or deserve equality, the reversing the blame, the notion that seeking equality is futile.

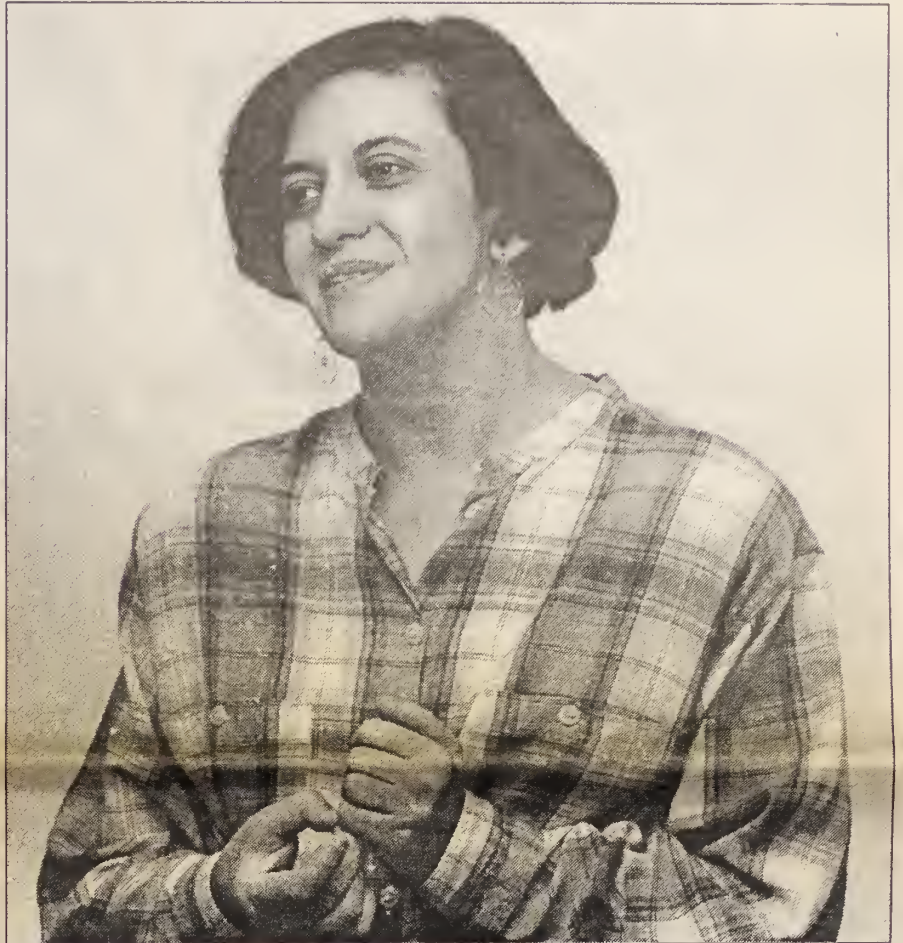
“Don't be afraid to speak out” was Simone's advice on how to react to backlash against feminism.

The way to overcome the media backlash, said Simone, is to attack at every level, with letters to the editor and opinion pieces in the paper. “In the end, you will win something.”

Joan Magazine, a counsellor at student services and a member of the Women's Resource Group, said the organizers wanted to use Simone's talk as an opportunity to do something for women.

Admission was a minimum \$1 donation to Mary's Place, a women's shelter in Kitchener, or a non-perishable food donation for the student food bank.

Organizers collected few food items and about \$30.



Kitchener-Waterloo Record journalist Rose Simone fields questions after her talk on International Women's Day on Friday, March 8.
(Photo by Perry Hagerman)

Conestoga board chair elected to provincial post

By Paul Tuns

Conestoga College's board of governor's chairwoman was elected chair of the Council of Governors and chair of the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario (ACAATO), in Windsor on Feb. 9, 1996, at its annual conference.

Lynda Davenport will serve a two-year term as chairwoman of the provincial organization comprising the board chairs of Ontario's 25 colleges. The term begins in April.

Davenport has been a member of the Conestoga board of governors for five years.

In 1994 she was elected vice-chairwoman of the board and in September 1995 was elected chairwoman.

Davenport said ACAATO is composed of two halves, one representing boards of governors and one college administrations presidents. The Council of Governors chairman, she said, also becomes chair of ACAATO.

Davenport said ACAATO, to which Conestoga pays a fee to belong, provides “collective representation” with which to “address college issues and to deal with the ministry.”

ACAATO provides accessibility through advocacy and lobbying, and sponsors research and planning, she said.

“The association provides strategic planning. It is not a policy-making organization.”

ACAATO also represents the colleges, which Davenport called the employers, in the collective bargaining process by consulting with the Council of Regents.

Davenport said “The association needs to establish a clear prioritization in critical issues . . . and use its collective voice effectively.”

John Tibbits, president of Conestoga, said the current president of ACAATO said the chairmanship was a demanding position that required seven days a month in meetings.

Davenport said the position may involve up to seven monthly trips, typically to Toronto. The number may fluctuate depending on the issues.

Tibbits said Davenport had a difficult election fight because she was running against the current vice-chairman. The lobbying of the Conestoga board members who went to the conference “must have been quite effective,” Tibbits said.

Addressing the Conestoga board of governors, Davenport said she “is learning how to become more politically active.”

Davenport, a nurse, has also served as director of the Board of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario and as chairwoman of the Waterloo Region District Health Council. She is currently pursuing a Master of Education at Brock University.

Bursary set up in honor of student

Traffic accident claims Conestoga student's life

By Patrick Moore

Conestoga nursing student Tara Storer, 24, was killed Friday, March 8, in a car accident in Wilmot Township.

The accident happened around 7:30 p.m. when the car went out of control on Waterloo Regional Road 12 and struck an embankment at the intersection of Township Road 3.

Storer was proclaimed dead at the scene.

“It is always tragic when someone dies,” said Jack Fletcher, chair of student services. “But it is especially tragic when it is someone so young.”

Fletcher said school councillors were sent to classrooms in the nursing department to tell students of Storer's death. He said the college does everything it can to ease the burden for the students and the victim's

parents.

“One thing we do is stop the bills from showing up at the parents' house,” he said. “The last thing the parents need right now is to get a bill from the college.”

Lois Gaspar, chair of nursing, said Storer was well-regarded by students and faculty.

“She was a good student and a nice person,” she said.

Christopher Haskell, a passenger, received head injuries in the crash and is in stable condition in the intensive-care unit of the Kitchener-Waterloo Health Centre as of Sunday, March 10.

Storer is survived by her parents, Janet and Edward Storer and her sister Dale Storer.

Storer's parents have set up a Tara Storer bursary fund at Conestoga and ask that any donations made as expressions of sympathy be made to the bursary.

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CAMPUS NEWS

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News Briefs

Students will race at Sunrayce '97

- Conestoga's entry in Sunrayce '97 has been approved by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory of Golden, Colorado.

President Tibbits to meet with students

- Students will have an opportunity to pose questions to Tibbits in an open forum March 20 at 3:30 in the blue cafeteria. Students can have their questions forwarded by submitting them to the DSA office.

Correction

The name of Shannon Lyon Pop Explosion's new album is called Mods Rule. In the March 11 story, *Condors back to full strength*, Chris Marshall's name was spelled incorrectly as was Joel Washkurak's in the player standings.

Training and development student wins Coca-Cola cooler

By Amanda Steffler

The draw for the Coca-Cola cooler on display in Conestoga's main cafeteria took place March 8.

Gerry Langis, food service manager at the college said the cooler was a result of a promotional campaign in conjunction with Coca-Cola.

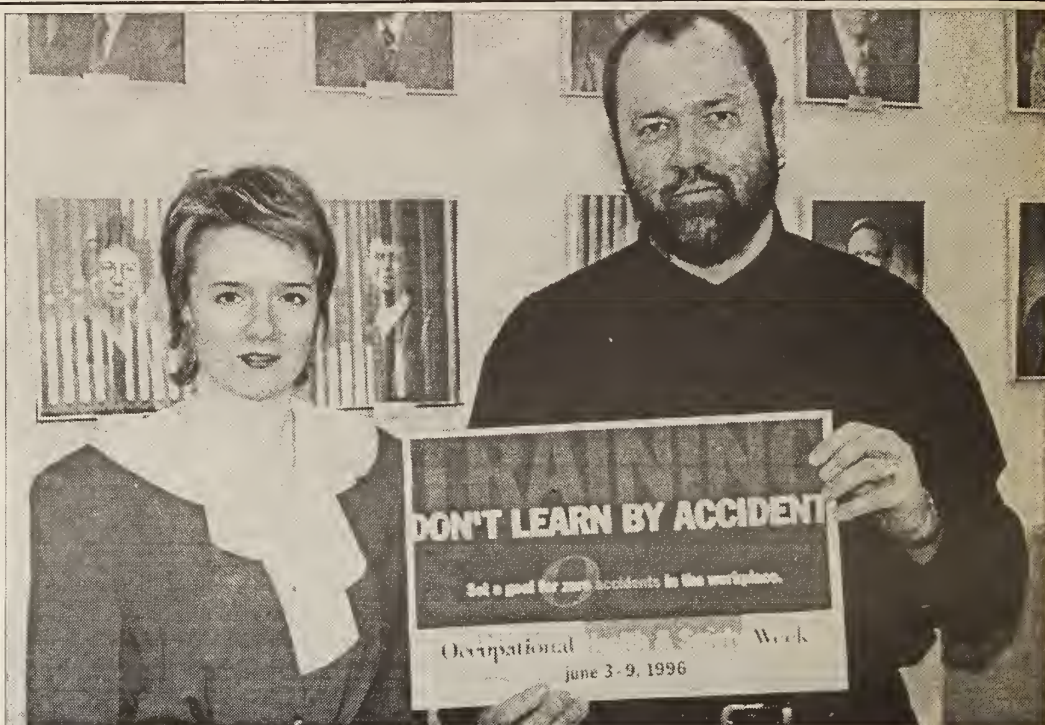
The cooler was purchased from Coca-Cola in September. Conestoga works with Coca-Cola on a

national level.

To win the prize, students who ordered a Wednesday special could fill out a ballot and throw it in the cooler.

April-Dawn Blackwell, Conestoga's newly-elected president of the DSA, drew the winning name on Friday.

Darlene Kline, a student in the control systems technology program, won the cooler. Kline will be picking up her prize on March 13.



Graphic design co-ordinator Myron Shwadchuck shows off the award-winning poster designed by second-year student Jo-Anne Kyriakou.
(Photo by Barbara Walden)

Graphics student wins contest

By Barbara Walden

Jo-Anne Kyriakou, a second-year graphic design and advertising student at Conestoga, has an award-winning poster to add to her portfolio.

As an added bonus she also gets a round-trip airline ticket for anywhere in Canada and an extra \$200 in her pocket.

Kyriakou's poster was chosen first from among 24 entries in a national contest to design a poster to promote Canadian Occupational Health and Safety Week.

The contest was co-sponsored by the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) and the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering.

She received the airline ticket and cheque during a presentation held March 6 from Art Nordholm of the safety engineering society. The contest was a class assignment and her classmates, as well as a number of officials from the college, attended the ceremony, held in the Guild Room at the Doon campus.

Nordholm said the contest was particularly difficult to judge because all the posters entered were

excellent. He said Kyriakou's was chosen for its clarity in displaying the training and zero-accident themes.

The safety engineering society picks a different safety theme for its poster campaign each year. Nordholm said attracting entries from two ACCC-member colleges has made this year's contest the most successful yet.

At least 21,000 copies of the poster will be printed for distribution to industries throughout Canada. There are also plans to use the poster on the cover of an upcoming issue of the ACCC's College Canada magazine.

During the presentation, graphic design co-ordinator Myron Shwadchuck called Kyriakou "a top student in a very competitive class, who carries a full-time work load on top of another full-time work load," referring to the fact that she is married and has a two-year-old daughter.

Shwadchuck said this is the second contest in which Kyriakou has come up with a winning entry. Her design graces the entrance to a real-estate development in Waterloo.

Kyriakou said in an interview

she applied to the graphic design course because she felt she was "getting into a rut after working at clerical jobs for about eight years."

She and her husband also ran a home-based silk-screening business.

She said she preferred to do the thinking and designing, while her husband did the screening. They folded the business after she became pregnant with their daughter.

At present, she is designing a brochure for the Elmira Maple Syrup festival.

She said she feels it is important to put something back into her community and not just be a taker.

She has nothing but praise for the graphic design program and its instructors.

"They always seem to be rooting for you, helping you get where you want to go with the program."

Kyriakou said her goal is to work at an advertising agency after she completes the program. With award-winning posters in her portfolio, she could be well on her way to achieving that goal.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Common time proposed for all Conestoga students

By Patrick Moore

Students could be facing longer school days, but with more co-ordinated free time, says April-Dawn Blackwell, the DSA's vice-president of student affairs.

Blackwell said she is considering an idea that would give students from each school at Conestoga a common time.

She said the business school already has a common time. Business students have a set time when all students in the program are not in class and can meet to discuss issues.

"I have had several students from various schools in the college approach me about things they would like to do and this was one of the more popular ones." She said if students did get a common time for

some areas, it would mean staying later in the day.

Some students may not be willing to sacrifice extra time at the end of the day for a common hour or two during class time, Blackwell said. "We need students to tell us how they feel on this."

Blackwell said a common time would be useful to students as a study period, meeting time or entertainment time. Events like guest speakers would be more easily accessible if everyone in a program had the same time available.

The DSA attempted to put on a lecture series, Blackwell said, but it only targeted a few people because most students were in classes. She said if there were common times, lectures focused directly on specific programs would be possible.

Most of the feedback she has re-

ceived from the college has been negative because of the work that will be involved, Blackwell said.

"The amount of scheduling it takes to get something like this going is phenomenal. The benefits will far outweigh the negatives, however."

Blackwell said some programs, like computers, only have a few classrooms they can use at specific times, so scheduling would have to be worked around that.

Blackwell said that because some courses have students off-campus for extended periods, it would be nearly impossible to organize a common time for them.

"There are some definite concerns with being able to do this. But if the majority of students want this, we should proceed," she added.

Rescue 101



Ambulance and emergency-care students act out a simulated drug overdose for a video project. Brad Cabeke (left) and Rich Hepditch assist Robyn Sevel.

(Photo by Tara Brown)

Education minister explains cuts

By Jeannette Cantin

Education and Training Minister John Snobelen sent an open letter to college and university student newspapers March 6 to "explain why the government is taking the actions it is at this time."

Snobelen commented on reductions in operating grants to colleges and universities as announced by finance minister Ernie Eves in November.

The \$400-million reduction includes a loss of \$280 million to universities over last year's funding and \$120 million to colleges. College fees would increase by 15 per cent.

Snobelen explained the government intends to "prepare the future for young people" instead of just preparing young people for the future.

He also explained that without the reduction, Ontario's debt would soon be unmanageable, thus ensuring that students' future tax dollars go mainly towards paying interest on the debt.

Snobelen warned that the public services which students "now have the privilege to enjoy — in areas such as health care, education, roads and municipal services — will no longer be affordable."

College students paid only 19 per cent of the total cost of their

education in 1995-96. University students paid 26 per cent of their total. Most of the remainder is paid for by taxpayers, he said.

Snobelen used these figures to explain the deregulation of tuition fees as an attempt to have students pay a fairer share of their education.

"We need to bear in mind that there is a long history showing that people who have post-secondary education earn more money than those who do not," Snobelen wrote.

On the question of accessibility to post-secondary education, Snobelen cited a collaboration with the federal government which would ensure accessibility to those qualified to attend.

Snobelen said he will release a paper to allow dialogue on policies. "This paper is meant to stimulate and encourage discussion, and will serve as the basis for further consultations expected to last from four to six months," Snobelen said any advice gained would be provided to the government.

While realizing the future will be challenging, Snobelen added, "I am also certain that the changes we are making are necessary and will build a province that is stronger economically, and where you, as citizens, will be able to meet your needs and realize your dreams."

Tree planting budget may be pruned

By Johanna Neufeld

Groundskeeper Peter Higgins, who has worked at the college for 26 years, said cutbacks would be a factor in this year's funding for tree planters.

If there isn't enough money in the budget, contributions from staff and students might be considered, he said. Memorial donations are another idea and alumni could also ask graduating classes to purchase a tree.

Groundskeeping staff plants approximately 200 fir and deciduous trees in the spring and fall he said. Like golf courses and municipalities, the college gets its shrubbery for a quarter of the regular price and buys its trees from Sheridan Nurseries Ltd., Higgins said.

Though a tree may only cost \$50, a backhoe is needed to dig the hole. A \$10 stake is added to the price as well as fertilizer, mulch and a tree guard to protect against animal and sun damage.

Higgins said the department usually hires one or two people to help but said budget restraints have to be considered. As well, a student is usually hired to cut grass during the summer months when Higgins goes on holidays, but that job is also undecided.

Staff from other campuses might be transferred to Doon, Higgins said, when Albert Porter takes early retirement at the end of May. Higgins, however, said he will wait and see what happens.

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Alternative delivery can't replace faculty

When students enrol at community colleges, it is often because they want a hands-on, practical education with instructors that are knowledgeable about their particular program. Often the teachers have spent a great deal of time in the workforce developing knowledge to pass on to their students.

Conestoga College now has to adjust to a 20 per cent reduction in teaching staff by September 1996, after 52 faculty members took the early-retirement buyout package.

To add more fuel to the fire, a provincial education grant has been cut by \$4.7 million and the college must begin to reduce its expenses by April 1, 1996.

To make up for the loss of 20 per cent of the faculty, the college has implemented an alternative curriculum delivery project to be set up by the fall.

Alternative curriculum delivery allows students to learn on an individual basis using many different teaching methods such as peer teaching, or individual learning packages.

This somehow falls short of learning from knowledgeable, experienced instructors who have worked years in their fields and have a lot to offer students in the way of teaching and guidance.

Most courses, to some extent, already have an element of independent learning but often this freedom isn't offered to students until the last year of their course when the student has a considerable amount knowledge and ability.

People can learn from their peers but considerably more can be learned from instructors.

Videos could also be included in the independent learning package but a video is no use to anyone when a student gets lost and doesn't understand the material presented.

Frustration might set in because a video can't be asked to explain concepts or ideas differently and can't be asked questions. Education loses the human element.

The alternative delivery program will probably start in the fall and according to Carolyn Dudgeon, manager of Conestoga's alternative delivery project, Conestoga will begin implementing print and computer-based methods in health sciences, computer literacy and student success courses.

The administration must be careful in the use of alternative methods. Too much independent learning time and not enough instruction and classroom time can hinder the students ability to learn.

The college must remember that the alternative curriculum delivery program will never be able to replace the 52 faculty members who will be leaving.

In light of the need to cut costs to education, the administration is advised to move slowly and cautiously in the inception of the new program.

Share your opinion.

Send a letter to the editor.



Just a thought



By Tara Brown

More than ever, drive safely

Waterloo Region is a unique area. It has three vibrant and different urban centres with several picturesque smaller communities sprinkled throughout.

What is most remarkable about these communities is of course, the people who live in them. Unfortunately, there seems to be one group among us in considerable danger during these tempestuous days; the days of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union's attempt to bully the province.

Old Order Mennonites and the Amish are two distinct cultural groups which Waterloo Region has had the pleasure of knowing almost since the first crossroad was laid out.

The argument could be made that these two groups, with their distinctive lifestyles, don't even live in the same world as the rest of us. Time seemed to stop for them in the era of the buggy-whip. Who among us hasn't been driving in the country-side around Elmira or St. Jacobs and seen the two-wheeled "courting carriages" with the fluorescent orange triangle nailed so incongruously on the back?

The carriages and wagons of the Amish and Old Order Mennonites are frail constructions when compared to a Volkswagen. In the summer months there are enough careless motorists who hit the wagons and cause horrible injury and destruction.

Now, with OPSEU picketers standing shoulder-to-shoulder over their oil drums, roads remain unplowed. The shoulder of the roads the Amish and Old Order Mennonites use to drive on, the only part of the road that offers some protection from the driving patterns of the modern commuter, remains unplowed and is

covered, in some cases, by up to six inches of snow.

Residents in areas highly populated by these two groups say the condition of the roads is forcing the buggies out onto paved portions and it is only a matter of time before somebody is killed.

Modern accidents, involving steel, chrome, rubber and glass are terrifying enough. Imagine standing behind a picket fence and watching a Ford hurtle directly toward you. The occupants of the carriages have about as much protection as you would behind that fence.

Traffic deaths in Barrie and London due to pile-ups on highways are tragic. Some say these deaths could have been a result of the OPSEU strike. At least the cars jumbled together on Highway 401 were more or less a meeting of equals. How will a driver feel when he skids out of control and hits a buggy?

This area is a cultural blend. Each group represented in Waterloo Region has something positive to contribute. The Amish and the Old Order Mennonites have been here a long time and work harder than a lot of us could ever imagine.

The life they have chosen for themselves is simple but not easy. Between a government sitting on its thumbs and a sulking union, their lives just got a bit harder.

Remember, the roads aren't well maintained and there are some who must travel these roads as best they can with comparatively limited resources.

Be considerate, take a little extra time when you see one their carriages; we'll all be able to endure this foolishness a little easier.

Conestoga corner



By Ewa Jankowiak

Students lack enthusiasm for college activities

Developing improved entertainment for students - more interesting and absorbing - is not an easy task for the Doon Student Association (DSA) at Conestoga College.

Often, a lack of interest causes the DSA to cancel events and activities. In the past few months, it would seem, the DSA is losing its significance in student life.

The association is a group of students who organize and assist student activities and services. It represents students on various committees and provides many entertaining events such as concerts, drama, sports, guest lectures and trips.

Winter Warm-up, the popular Polar Plunge and Nooners are well-known events among students, faculty and staff.

April-Dawn Blackwell, DSA vice-president, Nada Swan, director of student life, and Steve Geerts, director of entertainment, have spent a lot of energy encouraging students to participate in college life.

In spite of their efforts, the DSA cancelled a lunch-time euchre tournament, a series of lectures, Project Warm, which was a charity auction, and a Homegrown Talent Day.

Few students came out to enjoy a free skate

during Winter Warm-up '96 at the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre.

This year's election also showed the DSA's desperation to encourage the students to vote. To ensure student participation, the DSA proposed to give a voucher for a pizza slice at the Year-End Bash to those who voted, but only if the percentage of voters was 25 per cent.

It was an emotional affair by the DSA, intended to appeal directly to the hearts of students through their stomachs.

The idea was opposed by some students, so the DSA decided to serve the pizza free to all students. However, only 16 per cent of students voted.

But, some of the events, in fact, were successful. The Polar Plunge, for example, and a trip to Blue Mountain Ski Resort in Collingwood on Jan. 26. Seventy-two students took a day off from the school to enjoy skiing.

All of this means the DSA should try to find another way to bridge the students academic work with various recreational activities and entertainment.

Hopefully, the newly elected staff will make some changes to improve student participation.

TAKING SIDES

Do you think the newly elected members of the DSA will be effective in representing the students?

If you can't beat 'em ...

By Amanda Steffler



Finger pointing, name calling and back stabbing seem to come with the territory when any type of election is in the works.

During the DSA election campaign, there was plenty of this immature and adolescent behavior going on.

Defacing posters, mocking slogans and rude remarks blurted out during the candidate speeches were only a few of the Grade 2 stunts that were going on.

People criticized the candidates in areas that were irrelevant to the campaign. For instance, comments were made about their looks or their hair or their voice and even how they dressed.

Who cares how they dress? As long as they can do their job and represent the student body. Clothing, voices and hair do not mean a thing.

If they took the time to make posters, come up with speeches, and take abuse from irate students, they should be congratulated. All of them should be congratulated, not just the people who won.

Those people had the guts to criticize and bicker behind the candidates backs, but they didn't get on the stage in the Sanctuary to say they could do a better job.

If the candidates are so incompetent then give them some competition. Get up there and run. Can't run because you don't have enough time or you don't wish to be on the DSA? Well then deal with it.

If you can't fix some of the problems yourself by running for a position, stop complaining and support the new members of the DSA. The more support they receive and concerns they hear, the more they can help students with problems that arise.

For those complaining about the results of the elections, did you vote? Too many times people have lots to say about the winners and yet they didn't even vote. If you don't vote, you really shouldn't have an opinion. By not voting you helped each candidate get to their position. By not supporting them, you did support them by not voting against them.

The winners can congratulate the voters and the non-voters for helping them get to where they are.

Remember, they will be taking the time out for the students. Maybe some of us could take some time out for them, give some suggestions, communicate and support them in their journey to make Conestoga a better school.

For all the candidates who ran and stuck it out until the end, congratulations on your efforts and good luck for next time.

For those who won, April-Dawn Blackwell, Beverly Cutone and Krista Ogg, congratulations on your success and good luck in your newly elected positions.

campus comments



"April, I think, is good. She ran for president my last year in law and security. I think she does a pretty good job."

Diana Crawford
First-year ECE

"I think the newly elected members will do a better job. The current members did some good activities."

Jocelyn Carnay
First-year ECE



"Yes. April-Dawn is experienced from this year. She'll be able to do a good job."

Graig Elliott
Third-year marketing



"I listened to the speeches and they sounded like pretty credible people. There were no farfetched promises."

Jason Paul
Third-year marketing



"Yes, they have a strong team. They have a good plan and seem committed to the wants and needs of the students."

Greg Taylor
Third-year marketing



"I am undecided because not all of the electives have been chosen and they are the backbone of the DSA."

Leon Punambolam
Third-year marketing



Agenda not worthwhile



By Diane Santos

In view of the recent speeches made by students who were running for positions within the DSA, it can be concluded that not all the candidates who won are in it for the students. The platform on which they spoke was completely chaotic and disorganized. The newly-elected members of the DSA will not be able to effectively represent the students.

This year the DSA claimed to want to help the students. They implemented suggestion boxes and even supplied the new lounge with more furniture. But in truth, representing the students could be more effective if students were held accountable for their actions.

Our new president April-Dawn Blackwell has promised action, not words, but the DSA's contribution this year was a lot of words. Sure, the addition of new furniture, a jukebox, nooners and trips help students do a little more than studying, but what about doing something really worthwhile?

At the rate the government is going there won't be many colleges or teachers left. Maybe the DSA should concern themselves with these issues, not who is the best band or comic for the afternoon.

One student at the candidate speeches asked what they would do if elected regarding the loss of staff, increase in tuition and other substantial matters. None of the candidates had any explanation of how they would help the students deal with these problems. They were concerned about photocopiers.

One of the candidates was overheard saying she did not know what she was doing when a student asked her a question. How can we have faith in the new DSA if they don't have faith in themselves?

The problem is the lack of representation of all courses within the college. These new members are all business students and they expect the students to believe we will be equally represented? Blackwell was on the DSA this year, and although she has promised equal representation, can we actually believe we will get it when the results this year were unsatisfactory?

It is understood in this college that if you aren't running for a position then you should just be happy and complacent. Not many people seem to understand that there are students who have a demanding curriculum and therefore cannot put in the time to better this college and its student body.

Not everyone has a scheduled lunch hour or the pleasure of being off campus by 4 p.m. These students have to make do with whoever is running. In order to have the support of the entire college, the DSA has to begin to accommodate all students not just themselves, and I don't think they can do it.

YES

Do you have any topical questions you want straight-forward answers to?
Send them to the editor or staff in Room 4B15, or call SPOKE at 748-5366.

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CONESTOGA LIFE

Lifestyles editor: Tara Brown 748-5366

Women from Thailand to study at Conestoga

By Deborah Everest-Hill

This is the year of the Emperor's Golden Jubilee in Thailand and as part of the celebration, five young women will be travelling to Kitchener-Waterloo to study at Conestoga's Waterloo campus and the University of Guelph.

Bob McIvor, the college's chair of access and preparatory studies, said these international students are from rural areas of Thailand and have been chosen by Khon Kaen University in Thailand to receive full scholarships for study abroad.

In an effort to encourage people from rural areas to participate in university programs, the initiative involves two years of study at the University of Guelph and two years at Khon Kaen.

Between academic periods the students will return to Thailand to work. McIvor said Conestoga became involved because it provides English as-a-second-language, instruction.

Carol Trotter and Melanie Reed, professors at Conestoga's Waterloo campus, travelled to Thailand to test 30 candidates for the program. Trotter was responsible for

the development of the test.

The assessment of oral and reading comprehension indicated that the five students chosen by Khon Kaen need to complete two semesters of the general arts and science language option, beginning in April.

Helping international students get up to par with their English is not a new area for Conestoga, McIvor said.

Conestoga and the University of Waterloo have an arrangement whereby the college tests foreign students and provides UW with an assessment and recommendation.

International students are often granted conditional acceptance into the university based on Conestoga's assessment, he said.

McIvor said the language option is also beneficial to students already attending university. Sometimes students enrolled in mathematics or engineering at UW have ample knowledge in their niche area, but require English instruction to compete in the workplace, he said.

It is not just about grammar and spelling, he said. Students need to know what information in a lecture is important and, more impor-

tantly, how to communicate.

McIvor said the college has been working toward establishing a similar arrangement with the U of G when the opportunity of the Jubilee project came up.

Once in K-W, the five students will likely live as billets with local families, McIvor said. Details still need to be finalized by U of G, he said, which is handling the financial end of things. The scholarships will cover everything and the goal of the program is to expose these students to as much Canadian culture as possible, he said.

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New bus route in operation

By Blake Ellis

Conestoga College students are now able to ride the bus directly to Forest Glen Plaza instead of having to go to Fairview Mall after changes took effect March 11.

Route 16, which travels to the Forest Glen Plaza, will operate every 30 minutes from 5:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays. From 8:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., the bus will only stop at the college every hour.

On Saturdays the buses will stop every hour at Conestoga from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

There will also be changes to the Route 10 bus route. The bus will only be running every hour on Saturdays and after 7:42 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays. Also when the Route 16 bus arrives at the college it will turn into a Route 10 bus and continue on to Fairview Mall.

The Forest Glen Plaza will also be



Two Conestoga students board the Route 10 Kitchener Transit bus.

(Photo by Blake Ellis)

a depot for four other routes, including routes 2 and 11, which go to downtown Kitchener, and route 12, which travels to Fairview and Conestoga malls. Kitchener Transit said it will take only 40 minutes to get to

downtown Kitchener and Highland Hills Mall, which took considerably longer to get to before.

Barry Milner, manager of Conestoga's physical resources, said the changes are a definite benefit to the students. Milner said Kitchener Transit found many people couldn't reach the Glen Forest Plaza or the area surrounding it without having to go to Fairview Mall first and then getting on a bus to Forest Glen. Now they can go directly.

Ridership seems to be steadily rising and with two buses now rounding to the college, Milner thinks it is a positive move for the students.

Milner said maps of routes 10 and 16 have been received by the college from Kitchener Transit and has been given to department heads. There are overheads at doors 3 and 4. Information can also be found at security, the Doon Student Association office and student services.

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Wanted: Students needed for portraits

By Patrick Moore

Students are needed to get their portrait taken, says vice-president of student affairs April-Dawn Blackwell.

Cheryl Bolton, a local artist, said she would paint portraits of students from all programs at Conestoga.

The portraits will be placed on the 18 pillars of the Sanctuary next fall.

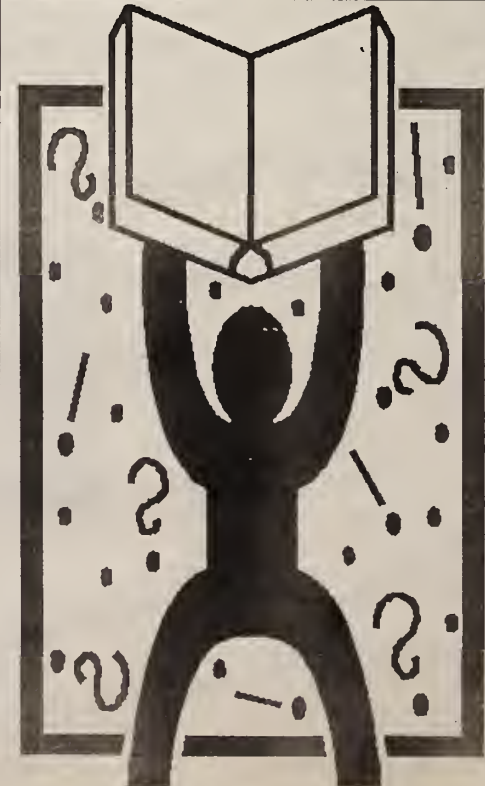
Bolton said each portrait would take about two hours and be more conceptual than photographic. "Each portrait I would paint would be as unique in color and style as the student."

"We need people to come and say, 'I want to be a model'," said Black-

well. "We need people from nursing and woodworking - from every program."

Blackwell said students are needed immediately for the portraits.

Anyone interested in being immortalized, Blackwell said, is to contact the DSA office and leave their name and a contact number.



STUDENT FORUM

Wed., March 20
3:30 pm
Blue Cafeteria

DISCUSS YOUR
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Please forward your questions
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CONESTOGA LIFE

400 attend ECE conference

By Allison Dempsey

A conference held at Conestoga College over the March 1 weekend addressed various issues related to child care and was attended by approximately 400 early childhood educators, said Judi Neufeld, conference chairperson and ECE consultant with Notre Dame of St. Agatha's pre-school support services.

Early childhood educators from Waterloo Region and Bruce, Grey and Wellington counties gathered at the college on Friday night and all day Saturday for the conference Adaptability: Our Strength.

College president John Tibbits addressed the conference on opening night, which was held in the cafeteria.

Dr. Ken Shonk, a family physician and humorist from the Kitchener-Waterloo area, was the opening-night guest speaker. His presentation; Laughter Is the Best Medicine, was "excellent, very well-received," Neufeld said.

On Saturday, the conference participants had their choice of 22 workshops, one in both the morning and afternoon sessions. Topics included seminars on healthy-sexuality, stress management, recycling, creativity and children, ECE programming and safety issues.

The conference was directed at early childhood educators, but would also interest other people in the community said Neufeld.

She said the participation fee of \$30 was reasonable for the amount of information available at the conference.

"This conference is one of the largest, if not the largest, in the area. It is available to ECE students, but since it fell during spring break, not too many attended. But there were some continuing education students there."

According to Neufeld, one of the highlights of the two-day conference was Dr. Jack Albin's presentation, Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD) in Preschool Children: Assess-

ment and Treatment Issues, attended by about 125 people.

Albin, the director of psychology at London's Child and Parent Resource Institute, discussed assessment and treatment of ADHD in preschool-aged children.

"The issue is timely, it's in the news, and the response was very glowing."

Neufeld said the participants' response to the calibre of the college's facilities was also positive.

Also in attendance at the conference were nine retailers selling products, toys and equipment aimed at ECE workers.

The Rotary centre and other child-centred agencies also had resource displays on hand.

"This is the eighth year for the conference, and it gets bigger each year," Neufeld said.

The conference was sponsored by the Ministry of Community and Social Services, Notre Dame of St. Agatha's pre-school support services and the child studies department of Conestoga College.

Nice earrings



Gitta Kelp has found a new use for the \$2 coin after the centre has popped out. The coin was found among the change from the photocopiers.

(Photo by Barbara Walden)

Winter fun Residence hosting carnival

By T.L. Huffman

Conestoga College's student residence is gearing up for a one-day winter carnival tentatively scheduled for March 19, said the director of social activities.

Soccer, football and hockey are some of the outdoor activities planned for the first-time event, said Kim McNeely. Indoor events include twister, pool and euchre for those who may not be interested in venturing into the outdoors.

McNeely said the carnival has little cost because most of the events are team games that don't require a great deal of money.

Any costs that need to be covered will not be the worry of the students. Instead, all expenses are paid for out of the residence's student fund.

"We have never had a winter car-

nival. Our council is pretty excited this year. So we have been trying to do a lot of different things."

McNeely said the residence has never had team events and the council is excited about trying new ideas. McNeely is hoping for a pretty good turnout and she thinks a lot of students are interested in the activities.

Those students not wanting to take part in the events are encouraged to help organize and run the events.

To encourage participation, the council has chosen two captains per team. "The captains are responsible for initiating excitement and encouraging their team to get involved with the team spirit," McNeely said.

By organizing the carnival in such a way, everything is not left up to the council, she said. And also,

more people get involved with building excitement for the activities.

"We chose the captains by how well they take part in events and if they are capable of taking on a strong leadership role."

Council has not yet decided if there will be a theme for the event or if there will be prizes. "I imagine the winning team will have some kind of party," McNeely said.

All students at the residence have been assigned to one of 12 teams. The events are going to take place on the campus field, while others will take place in the residence parking lot. Indoor games and events will take place in the residence's common lounge.

Students in residence wanting to participate in the winter carnival can meet at 5 p.m. on March 19 in the common lounge.

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Eat lunch with Artichokes

By Amy Wroblewski

Have you had your vegetables today?

Not to worry, the Artichokes are coming to Conestoga's Sanctuary Tuesday, March 19.

The Artichokes are four members originally from the Ska band, King Apparatus. They formed the Artichokes and toured with their parent band as a band-within-a-band. Now they've broken free and are looking for their own audience.

The Artichokes say they have an advantage over other bands since they didn't have to audition any new musicians. The Artichokes sound is best described as aggressive pop with early 1980s influences.

Their first EP, *Meet the Artichokes* under the label Golden Artichoke Industries, has a variety of sounds to suit every audience.

The CD begins with a catchy song which is the first release. Other songs such as *Scratch Test* and *Mamma Said Yer Gonna Be a Reggae Star*, have a mixture of Ska and Reggae sounds.

The band members all listen to a variety of music which influenced the sound of the album. The Artichokes are not a carbon copy of their old band.

They admit they don't usually expect a great reception from an audience, typically consisting of skin heads, who come to see King Apparatus and expect a Ska sound.

The band intends to push their album while touring Ontario. They haven't focused on Toronto, preferring to play their own area, rather than typical King Apparatus domain.

The Artichokes are guaranteed to serve up a main course of music when they come to Conestoga.



Members of the Condors soccer team prepare for a penalty kick during their game against Niagara College Friday, March 8.
(Photo by Perry Hagerman)

OSAP NOTICE

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FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

Soccer teams prepare for finals

By Diane Santos

Conestoga's indoor male varsity soccer team suffered a tough defeat Friday, March 8, when they lost their final game to Niagara College 2-1.

In the last minute of play Andy Borges scored to put Niagara in first place going into the OCAA finals scheduled for March 22.

The Condors first game began at 9 a.m. at the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre. Condors beat Redeemer College 1-0 with the goal scored by Steve Roth.

The Condors then went on to beat Confederation College 2-1 with

Dan Krauter and Greg Bera sharing the goals. But the toughest game was against Niagara.

Conestoga coach Geoff Johnstone said the Condors played the hardest against Niagara. "We dismissed the first two teams. The only real game for us was against Niagara but just didn't play as hard as we could have."

Even though the team roster was full for the first time this season, Ivan Lerotic's goal in the second half wasn't enough to put the Condors in first place in the west region finals.

The Condors will now have to play the first place teams from the

central and east divisions.

Johnstone said he has confidence that if the team gets to the semi-finals they'll have a very good chance. The men's team will have a chance at first place on March 22 at the recreation centre for the OCAA finals when they face off against the other two teams.

In other soccer news, the women's indoor varsity team travelled to Redeemer on Saturday, March 9, to compete in the west region finals. The Condors beat Redeemer 2-0. Goals were scored by Jodi Brezynskie and Amy Olson.

Olson added two more goals to her stats in the second game against Niagara.

With one goal each from Cathy Magee and Elaine Keller, the Condors were able to beat Niagara 4-0 placing them in first place in the west division.

Elaine Keller said the team really came together. "If we play as well at the finals as we did today we can go all the way."

The women will battle it out for first place in the OCAA finals on March 23 at Redeemer.

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